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**Art Unit 2122**

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**Technology Center 2100**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/560,555; Filed: April 28, 2000  
For: **Method and Computer Program Product for Precise Feedback Data  
Generation and Updating for Compile-Time Optimizations**  
Inventors: Stephenson *et al.*  
Our Ref: 15-4-910.00 (1452.3010000/MBR/GSB)

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated **December 23, 2003**, transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **December 23, 2002**, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;

(B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714; and

(C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent